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Ministerial Personals

Rev. Nathaniel Seaver, an honored veteran of our fellowship, died at Worcester, Mass., in his seventy-fourth year. He was ordained at Walpole, N.H., in 1865, was minister for five years at Davenport, Ia., and then held pastorates in seven New England parishes, retiring from his last pastorate at Pittsfield, Mass., in 1904.

Rev. C. R. Joy has accepted a call to Pittsfield, Mass., and Rev. J. F. Burkhart a call to Jamestown, N.Y.

Rev. W. B. Geoghegan has resigned at New Bedford, Mass., and Rev. J. M. Paige at Yarmouth, Me.

Rev. R. S. Loring has accepted a call to Milwaukee, Wis., and Rev. J. A. Kyle has resigned at Unity Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Rev. T. P. Byrnes has withdrawn from the charge of the mission at Birmingham, Ala., to take up similar work at Houston, Tex.

Journeys

The Sunday appointments of the President of the Association for October-November have been at Newport, R.I.; Hackley School, Tarrytown, N.Y.; Washington, D.C.; Pittsfield, Worcester, Lynn and Reading, Mass.; Sanford, Me.; Jamestown, Dunkirk and Ithaca, N.Y. He has just returned from a brief trip which took him to installation services at Jamestown and Dunkirk, with visits to Meadville, Rochester and Buffalo and a Sunday at Cornell University. In December he expects to take a flying trip in the Northwest with visits to Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The engagements of the Secretary of the Department of Church Extension since the Baltimore Conference have been as follows: Four days with an every-night service at Wilmington, Del.; an address to the Religious Education Institute of the Tuckerman School; addresses successively at the Norfolk Conference at Quincy; the South Middlesex Conference at East Lexington; the New Hampshire Conference at Concord, N.H.; the Channing Conference at New Bedford, Mass.; and the Young People's Religious Union Rally at Canton, Mass. He has preached at Cleveland, O., and at the Hackley School, and he has taken part in the installation services of Mr. Savage at Worcester and Mr. Lupton at Cleveland. He has had week-day appointments with the churches at Trenton, N.J., and Springfield, Mass., and has met the Unitarian ministers of New York at luncheon.

Field Secretary Brown has kept appointments at Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn.; Little Rock, Ark; Oklahoma City, Ok.; Lawrence and Topeka, Kan., and Lincoln, Neb. He is now on his way to Montana.

The Associate Secretary of the Department of Religious Education, Miss Buck, has just returned from a trip that took her, in the interest of the Department, to Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo and Cleveland, O.; Erie, Pa., and Buffalo, N.Y.

Of the Ministers-at-Large, Mr. Krolfifer has been working at Worcester and Holyoke, Mass.; Mr. Fereshetian at Greeley and Fort Collins, Col., and Salt Lake City, Utah; Mr. Mohler continues his work at Lawrence and Topeka, Kan.; and Mr. Helsing among the Scandinavians in Montana.

The Local Conferences

Department of Church Extension

I am glad to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the local conferences. In twenty-five years I have missed very few in which I have had any responsibility, and now as a member of the denominational staff their importance increases in my mind.

Conferences get to be an old story like breathing, but they are just as essential as the breath of life. They give us denominational self-expression; they bring us into fellowship and emphasize fellowship. Without them our organized strength would be dissipated by denominational indifference.

For the long range missionary work we have the A.U.A. It provides the machinery for doing what the individual church cannot do, but I am convinced that that work has not been as strong as it ought to have been because we have been weak in the short range work.

We must make our local conferences more effective.

We must come together to hear not only inspirational talks, but inspirational reports of work done within the conference.

Effective, loyal effort always starts from local centers and works outward. It starts in the individual heart and moves out. It starts in the individual community and moves out.

The best contact with the world is made when the disposition to serve is made manifest. Such a disposition must first be embodied in individual aspirations and determinations. Our denominational effort must be made first in us individually; then through our local churches; then through our local conferences; and then through our national bodies.

The fundamental principle in compelling attention to our Unitarian faith is this: *We must reach the people within reach.* In every conference talk I have tried to point out this principle as an individual duty, as a church duty, and as a conference duty.

No one of us would say that his own community or the area of his local conference had been thoroughly reached by our message, consequently, there is work at hand for us all.

No one knows better than I how absorbed a minister is in his own church work. The chances are that there is far more to do than any one person can do. Nevertheless, it is part of his work to Unitarianize the world, and some of his time and strength must be given to the larger task.

The more effective local conferences seem to be those in which the ministers themselves come together and strengthen the sense of fellowship. Such a fellowship, together with the conference officers can form the basis for effective work.

Is there a church in the conference that is falling by the wayside? The conference can offer it some outside help from among the conference ministers and laymen. Is there a community, no matter how small, where there are a few liberal-minded people? The conference can arrange to have Unitarian preaching once a year, or once a month, or once in a while.

In all our churches there are laymen and laywomen who can talk the Unitarian faith. We have not begun to utilize

the man-power and woman-power of our churches. The conference can get such people to work and then there will be no lack of interest in conference meetings. Men and women will attend not only with a sense of duty, but with a high degree of satisfaction.

Reach the people within reach! Reach a few! To reach anyone is worth all it costs. The seed thoughts are planted and one renewed soul here and one there, added to another here and another there—and our world-mission is being fulfilled.

There is power then behind our push across the country in the larger work. We are getting our weight into it. Without weight a push is feeble, and what gives weight is the work done at home.

I have taken every occasion to say that I want to be of help to the local conferences. If there are any special difficulties or special opportunities, I stand ready to help personally, and to bring such resources of the Association as there may be at the time. The local conference knows the field. Through the New England Missionary Council I, myself, hope to know it and to assist in cultivating it.—*Minot Simons*

The Wayside Pulpit

The use of the Wayside Pulpit continues its gratifying growth, and the testimonies to its wide and deep influence show that our churches have here an instrument for effective work. Every Unitarian church which has not yet installed a Wayside Pulpit should give the plan serious attention at the present time.

This country needs every means of expression for idealism, patriotism and spiritual religion, and "the man on the street" should be reached by this expression. The Wayside Pulpit does reach "the man on the street." Literally hundreds of thousands of people every day are reached by the utterance of this "silent preacher," which is continually making its declaration of liberal religion, of patriotism and of loyalty to ideals. Here is a wholesome and sane influence which is far beyond the power of any man to measure.

The second week of November a new shipment of sheets was sent out to subscribers, to cover the eleven weeks from Saturday, November 15 to Saturday, January 31. It contains sentences suitable for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year, as well as eight other striking utterances. The sheets are changed every week.

The Wayside Pulpit is a mark of distinction to any church that uses it. The ordinary church bulletin board is empty most of the week. People form the habit of passing it *without looking at it.* The Wayside Pulpit, properly conducted, is never empty. It always has an interesting message. People form the habit of *always looking at it.* This makes an enormous difference: the habit of passing the church bulletin board without looking at it or the habit of always looking at it. The Wayside Pulpit is making a definite and permanent place for itself in the habits of multitudes of people. It is a method which no Unitarian Church should neglect.

Publication Department

We particularly desire to call the attention of our readers to the books advertised on the next page, all of which are especially well adapted for gifts.

NEW TRACTS

Before the next issue of this bulletin we shall have published the statement of *The Social Duty of the Unitarian Churches,* prepared by a Commission appointed from the Unitarian fellowship-at-large and presented by Dr. Crothers at the General Conference at Baltimore on October 17, 1919. This statement will be issued in the form of a proclamation, and will be listed as Religion for the New Age No. 7. Copies may be obtained by addressing this Department.

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—*From the address of welcome to Charleston given by* Walter B. Wilbur, Esq.

The Alliance in Baltimore

At the public meeting of The Alliance held in the Baltimore Unitarian Church Tuesday afternoon, October 14, about four hundred and fifty people were present. Miss Lowell presided for the first hour, when she left to attend a meeting of the Council of the General Conference, and Mrs. Chamberlain, Western Vice-President, took the chair.

After the opening Alliance service, conducted by Miss Lowell, the Rev. Charles A. Wing gave a word of welcome. Mrs. Noyes, national Treasurer, appealed for a new consideration of denominational interests, and showed particular ways in which we may now forward our Unitarian work. Miss Lilla Newhall Breed, director for Kentucky, dwelt on the help to the Sunday School that adults may give. It was a breezy call for co-operation between Alliance and Sunday School. Mrs. Frederick H. Tappan, of the First Church, Boston, urged the continuance of service clubs for soldiers and sailors. These should be carried on in the spirit which made them so great a success during the war. Mrs. Root of Winchester, Mass., President of the Social Service Council of Unitarian Women, offered suggestions on Americanization, illustrating from experience with Italians at the North End Union of Boston that there is a best way to approach the foreigner in our midst, in true friendliness. In addition to our money we must be willing to give ourselves. Mrs. Voigt, Middle States Vice-President, showed the need of establishing personal relations with the people of foreign nations if we would promote international understanding. The branches are asked to form committees to co-operate with the central International Committee.

Mrs. Louis C. Cornish spoke impressively of her summer in the British Isles; of the conditions under which liberal churches work in a country where there is a strong Established Church; and of the British League of Unitarian Women, and the deeply religious spirit of its work. Some of the points she brought out were the close association of young women with the League, the emphasis laid on the devotional life in the home and in religious meetings,—during the war religious services were conducted wholly by women for women,—and their success in keeping the children in the church. Mrs. Cornish brought to The Alliance the greetings of the British League, together with their expressed wish for a closer understanding and co-operation with The Alliance.

On motion of Mrs. Voigt it was unanimously voted that the assembly send heartiest greetings to the British women through Mrs. Cornish. It was also voted to send love and greetings to Mrs. Katherine Weller, still on hospital duty in France.

Miss Whitman, New England Vice-President, discussed Alliance Appeals and made clear the aim that every branch shall contribute something, however little, to each Appeal and thus have a part in our common missionary work.

Mrs. Atherton, Recording Secretary, made a plea for enlisting the younger women in the Alliance ranks, showing that there is much to do that will be of special interest to them and which they are well fitted to undertake.

Mrs. Davis, Corresponding Secretary, greeted with a welcome that brought the

audience to their feet, urged the members to love their faith, to listen for the heavenly voice, and to summon unknown forces to do the great work before us.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Baltimore branch for its much appreciated hospitality. The meeting closed with the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The Alliance luncheon on October 15 was so popular that one hall could not contain us, and two hundred and fifty women were seated at small tables in the roof garden of the Hotel Emerson, while one hundred and fifty were served the same luncheon, and the same program, on the mezzanine floor. We came from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Canada, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Washington, and California.

In the larger room Miss Lowell introduced Miss Ida Slade of New York as toast-mistress. After a few humorous remarks as to why she had accepted the position Miss Slade said she had decided to take a text book from which she could quote, and as she had been brought up on the Christian Register (and hoped everyone there could say the same thing!) she had chosen that paper. She complimented Dr. Dieffenbach on the splendid work he is doing, and then said: "Those who read the Christian Register know of its excellent editorials, its column on 'News of the Week,' its 'Brevities,' its 'Letters to the Editor,' and when I get there I find in this copy I hold (September 18) a letter from the chairman of the new committee on Church Extension, Rev. Minot Simons, parts of which I am going to read to you, rather than make a little address of my own. All hail to Mr. Simons we know of no one in our denomination better suited for the work he has now taken up." Miss Slade then passed on to mention the paragraphs by Commentator on "News from the National Capital," the splendid articles on various and diversified subjects, Literature, Book Criticisms, and finally came to the department headed "The Home," and there she introduced the first speaker, the President of the Home Alliance branch, Mrs. Francis L. Dunham, of Baltimore, who gave a charming welcome to the guests. The rest of the speakers were introduced as belonging in the section of the Christian Register known as "Parish News" or "Throughout the Church," for they brought greetings and told of church and Alliance work in various parts of the country.

Mrs. Chamberlain of Chicago spoke for her forty-one Western branches distributed through seven states, Miss Madelyn Keezer of Denver brought greetings from the Rocky Mountain district, Mrs. Perkins of Seattle from the Northwest, and Miss Spalding from "all California." Mrs. Glogau set forth the aims of the New York League and Mrs. Dinsmoor those of the New England Associate Alliance. Mrs. Cornish brought a message from the British League, and made clear the great privilege and opportunity we have to draw more closely together as women of the liberal faith in Great Britain and America.

As no reference to the Christian Register would be complete without "Pleasantries," Miss Slade had collected six, which she read, and then to give a more serious note to the meeting she asked the two secretaries of The Alliance to stand with her on the platform while she read the hymn: "Make channels for the streams of love."

In the other room Miss Whitman, Vice-President, introduced Mrs. John H. Lewis of Lynchburg, Va., who with a peculiarly happy combination of the humorous and the serious played the gracious hostess and toast-mistress. Miss Ranstead, Maryland director, gave the welcome, and the speakers appeared each in due season through the magic art of the committee in charge, to whom great credit is to be given for the skilful execution of a somewhat difficult mission. The Baltimore ladies were everywhere

present, a committee of the whole on hospitality, not only at this luncheon but throughout the week.

Charleston

It was literally a warm welcome that Charleston extended to the Southern Conference members and visitors October 19-21. The freedom of the City was gloriously ours. Before and after meetings, at the luncheons thoughtfully planned by the church people (the Southern delegates being the guests of the Charleston church), at the delightful reception in South Carolina Hall, on the trip to Fort Moultrie and the Isle of Palms, until the last hand-shake after the service of Tuesday evening, our hosts devoted themselves to their guests studying their comfort and pleasure at every point. We have precious memories of inspiring meetings in the beautiful church and of rare spiritual communion and fellowship.

Miss Soule presided over the meeting of the Southern Associate Alliance, and made an earnest appeal for loyalty and religious fervor. We were urged to be not "pillars of the church" but "springs of life." Mrs. Beck of Charleston was chosen secretary. Reports were received from the Southern branches showing courage and devotion. Miss Lowell gave the address on "Alliance Ideals," to an accompaniment of mocking birds whose joyous songs poured in through the open windows. Mrs. Lewis, as Southern Vice-President, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Atherton as Alliance Secretaries, Miss Spalding for California, and Mrs. Dakin for the Post Office Mission, gave each a brief message. To the informal roll-call the following states responded: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, Canada, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Texas, and California.

Hearty greetings were voted to the British League of Unitarian Women.

After all too short a session we parted with a new understanding of our common work, friends and comrades in service.

From the President

After the Conferences in Baltimore and Charleston I went on alone to visit several of our lonely Alliance branches. At Atlanta there is a Union between Unitarians and Universalists, at the pleasant luncheon given in my honor and at the meeting afterwards there were an equal number of Unitarians and Universalists present. The meeting at Chattanooga was at the house of a member, on Lookout Mountain, with a view which was certainly a "look out." After luncheon we talked over problems, with a visit from Billy Sunday in the near future. Memphis has the Sunday services in a moving picture theatre, and all business in an office building. They are eagerly looking to the time when a convenient and centrally situated church home may be found or built. The church and parsonage, once used, are not convenient and are now let. A young people's forum was formed on the evening of one of the days of my visit. Nashville, too, is longing for a church and has made a beginning of a church building fund, their Sunday School and services are held in a hall. They are working hard but found time and interest to spare for some of their Nashville charities, believing that to help other people is a cardinal principle of Church and Alliance work. A visit to Cleveland at the time of a reception to their former minister, Mr. Simons, and his wife, in connection with the installation of their new minister, Mr. Lupton, brought my journey to an end. I came home full of admiration for the courageous and devoted work of our loyal Alliance women in Georgia and Tennessee and eager to make them realize our deep interest in them. We need them, and their fine spirit is an inspiration to look back upon and to carry forward.

LUCY LOWELL.

November, 1919

Executive Board

The 313th meeting of the Executive Board was held in Boston on November 14, Miss Lowell presiding. There was

an attendance of thirty-two, including four branch presidents.

The President reported a busy month with visits and letters from many parts of the country. She has received a letter from Mrs. Blake Odgers of the British League, which expressed deep appreciation of Mrs. Cornish's visit to England. After hearing from the president of the Vancouver, B.C., branch, the Board voted to send a cordial greeting to this loyal band of Alliance workers. The President after expressing great regret at the chatter of conversation before the evening meetings in Baltimore, which has already been commented on in the Christian Register, spoke of the part Alliance women may take in cultivating a greater spirit of reverence and in maintaining silence before and throughout all church services.

Mrs. Davis spoke enthusiastically of the significance of the Baltimore and Charleston Conferences, and the opportunity there afforded for better acquaintance and fellowship. She called particular attention to our Associate Alliance organizations.

The Treasurer read appreciative letters from Miss Herford, Miss Van Eck, and Mme. Loyson, who are greatly helped by the gifts sent them. The name of Mrs. James B. Case has been placed *in memoriam* by the branch at Weston, Mass.

The Library Committee has sent reply postal cards to all Unitarian ministers in order to learn how our lending library may be made of greater service.

The International Committee reported Signora Giulio's appreciation of the money sent her, which she will put to immediate use in travelling. She finds a greater response to liberal ideas in Italy from Catholics than from Protestants. Mrs. Weller asks for Russian books and also for socks and warm underwear for her Russian men. A letter from Holland says the way is now open to send relief to Hungary, some figures were given showing great mortality among the babies for lack of food, and an urgent call was sounded for condensed milk, infants' food, hospital supplies, etc. Will any who wish to contribute money or food communicate with Mrs. William L. Voigt, 317 West 81st St,. New York City, or Mrs. C. E. St. John, 33 Kirkland St., Cambridge, Mass.? Effort will be made ro reach our fellow Unitarians in Hungary.

The Cheerful Letter Committee reported that Home Study work for the year is well started. On account of the increased cost of printing the Cheerful Letter Magazine, a larger subscription list is greatly desired. One branch that has no Cheerful Letter committee has recently sent $10 for this. The committee is sending out a liberal sermon for Thanksgiving to its correspondents.

The College Centers Committee reported great activity at Amherst and Northampton, Mass. At a recent reception in the Amherst Church young men and women from Amherst Agricultural College, Smith College, and Mt. Holyoke were present. The Unitarian girls' club of Smith College has thirty-five members enrolled and has a pew in the Northampton Unitarian Church. On the recommendation of the committee it was voted to put before the branches an Appeal for $200 for the work of College Centers. The committee feels that this is the time for an aggressive campaign in behalf of college towns the country over.

The Social Service Committee reported a good start on the Americanization work at Bulfinch Place Church, Boston; a young Italian woman has been engaged to call on the Italians of the neighborhood to be the bearer of good will to them from the church people. She will have stated hours at the church when they may come to talk things over with her. It is to be understood that this is a special piece of Americanization carried on through the Social Service Council by the branches of greater Boston, and all money should be sent to the Treasurer of the Social Service Council.

The Board heartily approved a letter that the committee is about to send to all Alliance branches. On the recommendation of the committee it was voted to issue an Appeal for $200 for the general work of the committee. This

will be listed under Appeals and the money, as with all regular Alliance Appeals, should be sent to Mrs. Noyes, the Treasurer.

Mrs. Alice M. Arnold of Quincy, and Miss Sallie Reynolds of Salem, were elected Massachusetts directors, and Mrs. Joseph May of Philadelphia, was elected director for Eastern Pennsylvania to succeed Mrs. St. John. Mrs. A. B. Kimball of Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. C. G. Brainerd of Madison, Wis., were added to the College Centers Committee.

Four Massachusetts directors gave excellent reports of their branches, and reports from the Rocky Mountain section gave hopeful plans of work.

At the next meeting, December 12, reports will be due from the Southern States and the second group of Massachusetts branches.

CAROLINE S. ATHERTON,
Recording Secretary.

Junior Fellowship Notes

The interest in Junior work is steadily increasing, and many requests have come to us for copies of the model constitution and for information about starting new groups. Two Junior Alliances have brief reports for us this month:

Wellesley Hills, Mass. We hope to begin this year with a new group of younger girls. The work begins the first of November and lasts until April first. We have met once a week at the home of the Senior president but now that we have a parish house we shall meet there. We are financed by the Senior branch, and some years we have had small fairs, or a table at the church fair. We paste pictures on cloth strips to make scrap books, also paste them on both sides of pieces of cardboard, and paste old postcards back to back. These are all sent to children in hospitals. We dress dolls to go south for Christmas, and we make May baskets for the Convalescent Home of the Children's Hospital. This is quite near us, so the Juniors walk out there with the baskets on May day. One year we knit stripes of bright colored worsted which were put together to make a gay blanket for a convalescent soldier.

Burlington, Vt., We are a small group, our average attendance being about fifteen, but this year we hope to increase our numbers. We have our meetings every week on Monday at 4 P. M. This year we are planning to do some sort of charity work, sewing and making scrap books for hospitals. Twice a month we sew for others, once we bring our own work, and once we have a general good time, with a covered dish or basket supper, followed by an entertainment. We hope to have a masquerade dance at Thanksgiving time and a fair by Easter. We hope this year will be a successful one for us and for all other Junior Alliances.

Post Office Mission

The monthly conferences of Post Office Mission workers this winter are to have for their general subject, "Co-operation with other denominational work." The December meeting will be addressed by Mr. Simons on how the Mission may assist in the work of church extension. In January Mr. Spurr, minister of the church in Nashville, Tenn., in which the Worcester Post Office Mission is so much interested, will tell of the needs of the South and how those needs may best be met.

At the Charleston Conference the greatest emphasis was laid on securing the aid of our young people in our church work. The church-door work of the Mission offers a particularly good field for this. Let us see if our young people can not be induced to help select the pamphlets that are to be placed in the racks: if our church is to be a church for the future, we must gain the co-operation of the makers of that future — the young people.

The memorial sermon, "The men who did not come back", given by King's Chapel for Mission use is still timely and can be used among correspondents. Any committee wishing copies can have as many as it desires by sending to Miss Everett at headquarters.

New officers of Alliance branches are: Peterborough, N. H., *Pres.*, Mrs. H. B. Needham; Wilton, N. H., *Sec.*, Mrs. Mollie Gay; Amherst, Mass., *Sec.*, Mrs. H. E. Robbins, 4 Nutting Ave.; Jamaica Plain, Mass., *Treas., pro tem.*, Mrs. Arthur G. Perry, 16 Revere St.; Roslindale, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. Parker Weeks, Penfield St.; Roxbury, Mass., All Souls, *Pres.*, Mrs. Donald M. Blair, 5 Wabon St.; Littleton, Mass., *Sec.*, Miss Florence S. Whitcomb, R. D. Concord Junction; Newton, Mass., *Ch. P. O. Mission*, Mrs. Fred E. Harwood, 18 Willard St.; West Somerville, Mass., *Pres.*, Mrs. Asa L. Durgin, 15 Westminister St.; Watertown, Mass., *Treas.*, Mrs. George L. Wilson, 19 Morse St., Newton; Westwood, Mass., *Sec.*, Mrs. Samuel J. Cairns, *Treas.*, Miss Mary S. Locke; Woburn, Mass., *Pres.* Mrs. D. W. Bond, 860 Main St., No. Woburn, *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. Lilian P. Bailey, Main St., *Treas.*, Miss Marietta H. Bowers, 14 Highland St.; Victoria, B. C., *Pres.*, Mrs. Dwinnell, 1828 Crescent Rd.; Milwaukee, Wis., *Cor. Sec.*, Mrs. Charles T. Hickox, 360 Terrace Ave.; Southern Associate Alliance, *Sec.* and *Treas.*, Mrs. Beck, 21 Church St., Charleston, S. C.

A Model Report. First Congregational Alliance Providence, R. I.

This year we have nearly 250 members, twenty new persons having recently joined. All our committees have been most active. The Cheerful Letter in addition to its regular work has had entertainments, etc., for the support of four French orphans. It has had a "Thrift Drive," among its members and they have accomplished wonders in the articles which they have made from "salvage," anything from booties to bed-quilts. They are now planning to carry out their "Thrift" on a much larger scale. We have raised from lectures, entertainments, etc., $2,907.75 for our War Relief Work, with which we have supported fourteen French orphans, bought wool and other materials to keep our ladies working at the Parish House two days a week for the Red Cross. We have answered all Appeals in Word and Work. To those under $100 we have given $3, under $300, $5, and over that amount $10. We have given to the American Unitarian Association, and to many objects of charity in the city and state. We have had our business meetings once a month from October to May, followed by a luncheon, then the afternoon meeting which also comes once a month has been both enjoyable and instructive as some of the great men of the city have given us talks on the War and our relation to other countries. All these things have been accomplished without interfering in any way with the real work of our Alliance and we have never forgotten that we are first of all a religious body, and hope next year to accomplish much more than we have in the year which has passed.

The Monday Conference of Alliance Branches will meet at 25 Beacon St., Boston, Dec. 1, at 10.30. Mrs. Louis C. Cornish will speak of the British League of Unitarian Women. Miss Effie E. Whitman will preside. Everyone cordially invited.

Appeals

In accordance with the progressive policy which has been adopted this year, the chairmen of the Social Service and College Centers committees have asked each for an Appeal of $200 for constructive work. These Appeals have been endorsed by the Executive Board. Will the branches consider them not only new and interesting, but urgent?

EFFIE E. WHITMAN,
Chairman Committee on Appeals.

Appeals stand as follows:

Green Harbor	$327
Meadville Students	164
Pacific School	168
Tuckerman School	217
Special Scholarship for Tuckerman School	94
Southern Circuit in addition to pledges	1,200
Italian Mission	462
Sunday School Worker	483
College Centers Committee	200
Social Service Committee	200

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New Y. P. R. U. Federation

The second rally of the Young People's Societies of New York City and Vicinity met at the Unitarian Church at Passaic, New Jersey, October 31. There was a total attendance of eighty-seven in the roll-call of churches and a permanent federation was organized with a constitution, by-laws and a full list of officers. Mr. Constant Southworth of Second Church, Brooklyn, was elected president; Harry Haynes of First Church, Brooklyn, treasurer; Miss Julia Way of The Community Church, secretary; with Rev. John A. Lathrop of Brooklyn and Rev. Alson H. Robinson of Plainfield, New Jersey, as advisors. The officers will work in conjunction with the Rev. Nelson J. Springer, Supervisor of the New York district and Rev. Ben Franklin Allen, Supervisor of the New Jersey district. Other rallies will be held quarterly, the next one being in January at The Community Church, New York.

Slogan for 1920

Quoting from "Onward," the journal of the Universalist Young People — "Let the slogan for this year be *Members for the Church, young people for the Ministry*, and *consecration to our ideals*." Would this not be a good challenge for us?

New Societies

Since the May meetings new young people's societies have been reported in Newton Channing Church, West Newton, Erie, Pa., North Andover, and Marblehead. Should more be added?

Life Members

At the Y. P. R. U. Bazaar, four new life members were added to our roll. By the payment of ten dollars others may become life members and thus help the work of our national organization.

Notes from South Middlesex Federation

Fall Meeting, Nov. 30, Winchester.
Mid-winter Meeting, Jan. 11, First Parish, Cambridge.
Mid-winter Social, Jan. 20 or 27, Channing Church, Newton.
Spring Meeting, April 11, Wellesley.
Spring Social, May 29, Concord.

Suggestions for the Local Group

1. Pay delegates' expenses to conferences and May meetings.
2. Write original plays and lend to other groups.
3. Welcome strangers to your young people's meetings.
4. Buy a Victrola to use at your socials.
5. Advertise your meetings in local newspapers.
6. Arrange special supper-parties for Executive Board Meetings.
7. Sing new hymns around piano informally before the opening of your Sunday evening service.
8. Send contributions to universities and colleges for the extension of the liberal faith among the students.

Unitarian Temperance Society

Rev. Christopher R. Eliot, *President*, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton, *Vice-President*, Cambridge, Mass.
Rev. Lyman V. Rutledge, *Secretary*, 344 Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.
Mr. Edward J. Rowse, *Treasurer*, 27 Richwood Street, West Roxbury, Mass.

BREWERS MAKE GAINS IN FIGHT AGAINST NATIONAL PROHIBITION

Recent elections in different states show interesting developments with regard to popular sentiment on the prohibition question. New Jersey elected a governor who ran on a platform opposing the 18th Amendment and its enforcement in New Jersey. The state of Ohio had four prohibition questions; namely, the repeal of their state prohibition law now in force, the license and sale of alcoholic beverages containing 2.75% alcohol, ratification of the 18th Amendment by popular vote and adoption of a state code for the enforcement of the 18th Amendment. It is significant that the first and second questions in Ohio were carried for the Drys by large majorities whereas the third and fourth questions were lost and the state has still before it the problem of adopting an enforcement code.

In Massachusetts, acting under the provisions of the Public Opinions Act, the brewers had inserted on the ballot in ninety-five representative districts (covering a large majority of the members of the legislature) the question, "Shall the senator and representatives from this district be instructed to vote for legislation to regulate and license the manufacture and sale of beverages containing not over four per cent of alcohol by weight and to define same to be non-intoxicating?" This was carried by overwhelming majorities in all but two of the districts where it appeared. Thus the Massachusetts legislature is instructed by the voters to pass a law which is repugnant to the Federal law. Needless to say the members of the legislature will hardly be persuaded to follow this instruction, since their oath of office requires them to uphold the Constitution and all laws of the United States as the supreme law of the land.

These apparent reversals are not considered as indicating that the people of the United States are really opposed to national prohibition, but merely that in these localities a large number of people have used the ballot as a means of expressing what may be called an ill feeling against certain phases of prohibition. It is said, for example, by leaders in Massachusetts, that the heavy vote in favor of four per cent beer should not be interpreted as meaning that the majority of the people are opposed to national prohibition or even desire four per cent beer. The "Yes" vote is accounted for in different ways. (1) On any such question, people in doubt almost always vote "Yes". (2) The question is so worded that many people voting "Yes" actually thought thay were voting against four per cent beer. (3) Many people who voted "Yes" knew that our state could not legalize that which was forbidden by the Federal Government, but merely desired to register their objection to prohibition.

The important consideration in all localities where there is strong sentiment in favor of light wine and beers, is the fact that opportunities provided by the initiative and referendum, Public Opinions Acts, etc., enable the liquor interests to litter up the ballot with these useless questions from year to year. By ingenious if not ambiguous wording they can secure a vote which in no true sense reflects the opinion of the community, but which may be used with great effectiveness for propaganda work both in this country and abroad, and in some instances may actually affect local enforcement.

The Unitarian Temperance Society, recognizing this condition, feels the obligation of educating the electorate in regard to the dangers of four per cent beer and the necessity for a higher type of citizenship. The true American must consider that his ballot is a sacred instrument, every question on it to be thoroughly understood and in no case to be used as an expression of personal grudge or spite. The loyalty and moral stamina of America is being put to the severest test on the question of enforcing the 18th Amendment. Any relaxation of temperance forces now will mean increased gains for the liquor interests.